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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 December 2003 and 06 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.


Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1 – 51 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1 – 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
3. The term "significant" in the claims is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term "significant" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention.
4. Claim 23 contains the trademark/trade name Object Management Group Interface Definition Language (OMG/IDL). Where a trademark or trade name is used in a claim as a limitation to identify or describe a particular material or product, the claim does not comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. See *Ex parte Simpson*, 218 USPQ 1020 (Bd. App. 1982). The claim scope is uncertain since

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the trademark or trade name cannot be used properly to identify any particular material or product. A trademark or trade name is used to identify a source of goods, and not the goods themselves. Thus, a trademark or trade name does not identify or describe the goods associated with the trademark or trade name. In the present case, the trademark/trade name is used to identify/describe a source and, accordingly, the identification/description is indefinite.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

5. Claim 50 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claim is directed to a form of energy, which at present the office feels does not fall into a category of invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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6. Claims 1, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21 – 23, 34, 49 – 51 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Silberschatz (see PTO-892).

7. As to claim 1, Silberschatz teaches a method for processing events in a managed information system comprising:

receiving an event subscription containing an event identity for an event, the event corresponding to significant occurrences in the managed information system (page 641 ¶ 5 – 6);

associating the event identity with an event handler responsive to the event by creating a mapping of the event identity to the event handler (page 641 ¶ 5 – 6);

receiving a publication of the event (page 641 ¶ 5 – 6); and

traversing, in response to the publication, the mapping of the event identity to an indication of the corresponding associated handler, the traversing operable to enable the module including the event handler if the module is disabled at the time of publishing the event (page 641 ¶ 5 – 6; page 407 ¶ 3).

8. As to claim 14, Silberschatz teaches a subscribing software entity issuing the received event subscription becomes disabled following the subscription until an occurrence and subsequent publication of the event (page 641 ¶ 5 – 6; page 417 ¶ 3).

9. As to claim 15, Silberschatz teaches publication of the event is operable to enable a plurality of subscribing software entities, each subscribing entity including a particular responsive event handler for handling that event (page 641 ¶ 5 – 6).

10. As to claim 18, Silberschatz teaches enabling modules corresponds to activation of a corresponding component by an activation mechanism; and disabling corresponds to deactivation of the corresponding component by the activation mechanism, the activation and deactivation operations operable to reduce memory consumption by inactive components and provide selective invocation to maintain availability of the component (section 6.1.4; 9.2 ¶ 1 – 4).

11. As to claim 19, Silberschatz teaches enabling and disabling is performed at a level of granularity of the modules, each of the modules corresponding to a component and operable be enabled and disabled by activation and deactivation of the corresponding component (section 6.1.4; 9.2 ¶ 1 – 4).

12. As to claim 21, Silberschatz teaches each of the modules is operable to include a plurality of threads, and disabling is performed by a thread manager operable to gracefully terminate each of the threads prior to deactivation, deactivation occurring by informing each of the threads of the termination and computing when each thread has attained a termination point (section 4.1.4; 6.1.4; 9.2 ¶ 1 – 4).

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13. As to claim 22, Silberschatz teaches associating the event identity with an event handler occurs in a native language of the event handler and corresponding subscriber, and avoids a corresponding definition in an external interface language, the external interface language for generating event specific code (section 12.3.3; 3.3 ¶ 1 – 3).

14. As to claim 23, Silberschatz teaches the external interface language is the Object Management Group Interface Definition Language (OMG/IDL) (section 15.4; page 519).

15. As to claims 34 and 49 – 51, see the rejection of claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

16. Claims 2 – 13, 16, 17, 20, 24, 25, 28 – 33, 35 – 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silberschatz as applied to claims 1, 18, 23 and 34 above, and further in view of Frank et al. (US 2004/0250254 A1; hereinafter Frank).

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17. As to claim 2, Silberschatz fails to teach identifying as claimed. However, Frank teaches identifying, using the associated event identity, the particular handler corresponding to the subscribed event in the enabled module including the handler; invoking, using the state of the enabled module, the event handler (§ 18). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time Applicant's invention was made to combine these teachings because both teach events.

18. As to claim 3, Silberschatz and Frank teach traversing further comprises: receiving the event publication according to a genericizing reference; and identifying an event specific class corresponding to the event, the event specific class transparent to the mapping via the genericizing reference and operative to distinguish the received events from other events (Frank: § 96, 176).

19. As to claim 4, Silberschatz and Frank teach traversing further comprises:
determining if a particular module including the corresponding event handler is enabled (Frank: § 15, 18, 75); and

selectively enabling, if the module including the corresponding event handler is disabled, the module for enabling the event handler for receipt and subsequent processing of the published event (Frank: § 15, 18, 24, 75, 76, 82).

20. As to claim 5, Silberschatz and Frank teach, following selective enabling of the module containing the corresponding handler: determining the mapping of the enabled

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module and corresponding event handler; and invoking the module including the corresponding event handler via the mapping (Frank: ¶ 90, 94).

21. As to claim 6, Silberschatz and Frank teach traversing further comprises identifying the event in a persistent event mapping, the persistent event mapping indicative of modules containing event handlers associated with the event; and dispatching, in the identified modules, the associated event handlers (Frank: ¶ 75, 99, 255).

22. As to claim 7, Silberschatz and Frank teach dispatching further comprises: selectively receiving an enablement indication in response to traversing in the persistent event mapping; identifying, in a local event mapping for the enabled module, subscriber entities including handlers associated with the mapped event; and invoking, in the mapped module, the identified subscribers including associated handlers (Frank: ¶ 18, 75).

23. As to claim 8, Silberschatz teaches the persistent mapping of the event is operable to maintain the event independently of individual modules referencing the event, the independent maintenance operable to avoid copy constructors of the event for enabling successive references to the same event (page 23 ¶ 3).

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24. As to claim 9, Silberschatz and Frank teach disabling a publishing component performing the publishing prior to invoking the module including the event handler; and completing the invocation of the corresponding handler while the publishing component remains disabled (Silberschatz: page 407 ¶ 2) (Frank: ¶ 20, 101 – 107).

25. As to claim 10, Frank teaches defining a plurality of events, the plurality of events associated with a genericizing reference, the genericizing reference inclusive of the plurality of events and each of the events associated with an event specific class having event data indicative of event specific parameters (¶ 90 – 92).

26. As to claim 11, Frank teaches the event data includes event variables generated and passed by the publisher of the event and subscriber instantiated variables generated by the state information of the subscriber (¶ 90 – 92, 103).

27. As to claim 12, Silberschatz teaches enumerating a plurality of events, wherein the event further comprises the plurality of events associated with the common genericizing reference inclusive of the plurality of events, and wherein receiving the event subscription avoids event specific code generation of code and code fragments associated with the specific event (page 23 ¶ 3).

28. As to claim 13, Silberschatz teaches the common genericizing reference and associated event specific class avoids event specific stubs and references related to the event specific class (page 23 ¶ 3).

29. As to claim 16, Frank teaches traversing further comprises indexing, in the persistent mapping via the event identity, a persistent reference to the modules including the event handlers associated with the event, the persistent reference operable to identify a handler independently of enablement of the module containing the associated event handler (¶ 75, 99).

30. As to claim 17, Silberschatz and Frank teach associating the event identity by creating a mapping with the event handler further comprises: creating, via a component event service, a local mapping entry in the component event map having a reference to the subscriber entity including the corresponding event handler, and creating a persistent mapping entry corresponding to the component including the corresponding event handler, the persistent mapping entry operable to trigger selective enablement of the handling component by a plurality of subscribing entities, wherein mapping further comprises: identifying at least one of the persistent mapping entries corresponding to the published event, each of the mapping entries indicative of a module; and identifying, via the local event map in the indicated modules, a plurality of subscribers including the corresponding event handlers in the identified modules associated with the event (Silberschatz: page 23 ¶ 3) (Frank: ¶ 18, 75, 99).

31. As to claim 20, Silberschatz and Frank teach activation and deactivation further comprises identifying, in a component server in communication with the shared memory portion, when to activate and deactivate components based on information in the persistent event map in the shared memory portion, and further for determining when to store the information in the component server rather than shared memory if no other component servers reference the information (Silberschatz: page 23 ¶ 3) (Frank: ¶ 18, 75, 99).

32. As to claim 24, Silberschatz and Frank teach associating the event identity with an event handler further comprises generating a local mapping via a component event service identifying a subscribing entity including an event handler corresponding to the event identity, and generating a persistent event mapping identifying the module including the event handler corresponding to the event identity (Silberschatz: page 23 ¶ 3) (Frank: ¶ 18, 75, 99).

33. As to claim 25, Silberschatz and Frank teach selectively generating the persistent event mapping via a strategized allocator if the associating of the event identity occurs in a single module (Silberschatz: page 23 ¶ 3) (Frank: ¶ 18, 75, 99).

34. As to claims 26 and 27, see the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 17. Regarding the smart pointer and reference counting semaphore see Silberschatz section 22.4.1.

35. As to claim 28, Frank teaches the subscribing entity, publishing entity, and handling entity are user software entities responsive to the local event service for execution, activation, and inactivation (§ 18, 75).

36. As to claim 29, see the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 6.

37. As to claims 30 – 31, see the rejection of claims 17 – 19.

38. As to claim 32, see the rejection of claims 1, 2, 17 – 19 and 26.

39. As to claim 33, see the rejection of claims 1, 2, 6 and 7.

40. As to claims 35 – 48, see the rejection of claims 2 – 8, 10, 11, 16, 17, 21, 24 and 25.

Conclusion

41. The prior art made of record on the P.T.O. 892 that has not been relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Careful consideration of the cited art is required prior to responding to this Office Action, see 37 C.F.R. 1.111(c).


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan Price whose telephone number is (571) 272-4196. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am - 3:00pm, Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Thomson can be reached on (571) 272-3718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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